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From the Director.....

Meeting Rooms: How to Stay Out of Trouble —Maybe

There are always questions and concerns about a public library's meeting room: Who can use it and when? Who is responsible for setting it up and who's cleaning it up? Can it be reserved for a regular meeting? How about religious services? Ah, it is the last one about religious services that has caused problems for some libraries.

While private libraries, especially those associated with religious institutions, need a policy they may apply guidelines as appropriate with their institutional mission.

At the Public Library Association Conference in Philadelphia in March, I attended an excellent program on *Losing My Religion: Crafting Meeting Room Policies that Keep You Out of Court* presented by Theresa Chmara, General Counsel, Freedom to Read with moderator, Deborah Caldwell-Stone from the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom (OIF).

A little background information is needed here to explain the possible problem. Caldwell-Stone posted to the OIF blog in June 2010, that the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF), a Christian legal organization, had initiated a letter-writing campaign to libraries and schools around the country. The blog post went on to state that the targets were libraries with meeting room policies that restrict the use of the library's meeting rooms for religious services. The ADF letter advised libraries that got the letter that ADF believed the library's meeting room policy was unconstitutional and they might initiate legal action if the library didn't change its policy. ADF has filed multiple lawsuits against libraries that refused meeting room space to religious speakers and groups.

If a library ever receives a letter like this it should have legal counsel review the letter and not communicate with ADF directly.

The Library Bill of Rights states :

Libraries that make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use. The library may not exclude any group based on subject matter to be discussed or the ideas that the group advocates. If a library opens its meeting room to a wide variety of civic organizations, the library may not deny access to a religious organization.

Now comes the tricky part. In two lawsuits, *Concerned Women for America, Inc. v. Lafayette County* (1999) and *Citizens for Community Values, Inc. v. Upper Arlington Public Library* (2008) the courts held that public libraries could not exclude religious groups from library meeting rooms on the grounds that the groups might discuss religious topics or engage in religious practices during the meeting.

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Attend the Annual Meeting
June 8th



May 11th – NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Meeting is open to the public and runs from 9:30 to 12:00. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, (402)471-4007 or sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov.

May 11th - DIRECT Meeting, Gretna Public Library, 9:30 am

May 14th—Collection Management Workshop
www.elsne.org

May 14th – 25th – Basic Skills – Reference. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp.

May 18th—C & U Spring Meeting at Grace University—<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/>

June 4th – 15th – Basic Skills – Management and Supervision. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp

June 8th—ELS Annual Meeting at the La Vista Public Library. See page 13 in this *Eastern Express*. You don't want to miss it!

June 16th - BOOKFAIR (see page 14)

June 21st-26th ALA in Anaheim

June 28th - ELS & SELS sponsored Colloquium, La Vista Conference Center

July 23rd – August 3rd – Basic Skills – Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp) starting May 28th

August 3rd - CLICK Meeting, Gretna Public Library, 9:30 am

August 10th - ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am (TBD)

From the Director continued.....

However, in 2009, and another court case, Faith Center Church Evangelistic Ministries v. Glover, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the library's policy excluding religious activity. The grounds for this verdict was the library has a legitimate interest in screening and excluding meeting room activities that could interfere with library's primary mission; since the group had advertised its event as a religious service, it could be excluded.

So, it is confusing. ALA says you cannot exclude religious organizations but the 9th Circuit says you can. What the 9th Circuit says is the library could not prohibit religious groups from engaging in religious activities **other than worship** (emphasis mine) but bible instruction, praying, singing, sharing testimony, and discussing of political and societal issues are permissible.

The 9th Circuit went on warn that the library had to exercise caution when trying to distinguish between ordinary religious activities and a worship service.

How does a library avoid problems with the use of its meeting room? According to Teresa Chmara the library policy should:

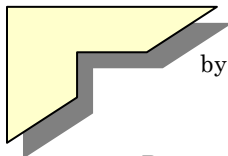
- Describe the facility and who is eligible to use.
- Regulate the time, place, or manner of use without reference to the content of a meeting, or to the beliefs or affiliations of the sponsors.
- Most important — Treat all groups equally.
- Put the policy on the library's web page.

For questions or assistance, contact the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom at www.ala.org/offices/oif 312-280-4223. E-mail: oif@ala.org



ELS is privileged to be able to work with all types of libraries – public, school, academic and special. Special libraries include a wide variety from hospital, law firms, churches, historical agencies and correctional facilities to name a few.

For the next four issues *Eastern Express* will feature *A Day in the Life* of one librarian from each of these areas. We are pleased to have Denise Morton, director of the Omaha Correctional Library, writing about her typical day.



Turning Pages, and Corners, Too

by Denise C. Morton, Omaha Correctional Center Library Director

Being employed as a Library Director in an Institutional library provides unusual opportunities to do good things in a unique environment. The day typically starts with picking up your assigned equipment—a set of keys and a radio—before entering your work area to do a security check prior to opening. Equally important to having equipment in good working order are the emotional tools that we bring; these tools include a fair, firm and consistent attitude, a sense of integrity, and a sense of humor, too.

From the early morning opening of doors, the day gets off to a fast start. We have patron inmates who are looking for book checkouts, book returns, reading of magazines and newspapers, asking legal aides questions pertaining to legal issues, those on pass to our law computers (a system built specifically for our corrections environment, allowing us to meet requirements of inmate access to the courts), those on pass to our Reference Computers, those on pass for Notary services, as well as many who stop in for reference materials, resource materials, and “quick” questions pertaining to a multitude of things that may not always have quick answers!

In addition to supervising an inmate work staff of 15-20 workers, which may and often times does change on any given day, due to inmate discharges, paroles, transfers, job changes, and misbehavior (which may require sanctions such as room restriction), I also oversee all library passes, three general population and one legal typewriter, answer all submitted inmate written requests for information, enter all inmate payroll daily, compile monthly statistics and provide monthly reports to my supervisor, annual reports to our Safety and Sanitation Department, oversee the copier for legal documents, determine book donations as appropriate for the library collection, rotate newspapers, magazines and books into our Segregation Unit, and rotate books on the Housing Units. Examples of information requested may be for an address to a half-way house located near a small town in Wyoming where they are paroling to, or a list of employers who will hire ex-felons, or an out of State Court-house address. Once a quarter I make new book purchases. Using inmate surveys and consolidating the information, I then choose at least a few books in every genre as appropriate to our environment, and within our budget. (Any librarian will tell you that the funds run out before the choices to purchase do...no matter how large the budget!!) While books about weapons or lock picking are a no-no, as one can imagine, our inmate patron reading interests are similar to those of most library communities.

Once a month we have a meeting for all Nebraska Department of Correctional Services librarians. This is an opportunity for us to brainstorm ideas and challenges specific to our Institutions, to support one another when our careers leave us somewhat isolated during the course of our normal day, and to establish continuity between facilities. There is also NAIL, the Nebraska Association of Institutional Libraries, which meets twice a year. These meetings give us the chance to network and share ideas and problem solve, together, some of the unique situations that arise in Special and Institutional Libraries.

In facing some of the challenges that our unique environment brings, we are given the opportunity to make a real difference to persons in an environment where something different is needed. OCC and all Nebraska Department of Correctional Service libraries, participates in both the Inter Institutional book loans and the Inner Library Loan program, allowing our inmate patrons a greater selection without impacting our budget. One of the many goals is to provide materials to help inmate patrons make better choices in their futures. We also bear in mind that some of our most dedicated inmate patrons are avid readers who have been incarcerated for many years, and as such, both technology and recreational reading materials are equally important as many will be returning to Society after completing their sentence.

While this profession can be challenging, while no work day is ever the same, while it remains a balancing act to assist our inmate patrons without crossing inappropriate boundaries (we cannot provide residential mail addresses in the event that it may be a victim, or victim's family, for example), it is my belief that information is education, and that Education changes lives. In closing our library at the end of the day, if we know that we have helped persons enlarge their world, whether through information, resources, recreational reading, locating job or housing opportunities, locating a specific book on a specific subject so that they can better understand a specific topic, then we have done this day well. If we have made it easy to ask a library question in an environment that is normally difficult to ask questions in, and if we have made it easy for those who may not normally feel comfortable asking questions at all, then it is a day well done. Any library is about customer service. Incarceration is about doing one's time. A library director in a State prison library looks to create the best of both within these two worlds.

Libraries Celebrate National Library Week

Blair Public Library



The library held "Patron Appreciation Day," and the Friends of the Library provided cookies and lemonade/coffee for all; they also held the annual "food for fines" week and collected LOTS of food! They had a balloon release (150 balloons – sponsored by the Friends group) and hosted a community walk (announcing the new fitness kits that will be available for check out, the fitness summer program, and the new pedometer check outs). Lots of fun was had even though the weather was "up in the air."

Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

Sump held a teen volunteer job fair to encourage teenagers to get involved in the library and volunteer for many of the programs the library offers throughout the summer. Also during the week they had a night full of fun for the family. Running from 6 to 6:30 p.m., Sump offered a Head Start literacy event for parents and younger children. This time was spent educating and offering tips to parents to help teach and encourage their young ones to read and develop an interest in reading. Following was a half-hour open family reading time with the Family Stop, Drop and Read quiet time following from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone grabbed a book, sat down and had a solid half-hour to read.

The final event was an Edible Book Fest. "It's an edible interpretation of a book title," Director Robin Clark said. The event brings together lovers of books, art and food as people can get very creative with how to interpret the titles. For example, using the title "Chicken Soup for the Single's Soul," one entry used marshmallow Peeps in a bowl to simulate soup.

La Vista

The La Vista Public Library celebrated the week by starting it off with a big change for younger readers — lowering the age they can get their own library card. "Children used to have to wait until they were eight years old, and now we're changing it to age five," Assistant Library Director Jodi Linhart said. "We have a lot of younger kids who come to the library," Linhart said. "Just to see the smile on a child's face when they hand you a card ... it makes you smile."

Bennington

The Bennington Public Library highlighted National Library Week with book giveaways, an after school story time and a prize drawing sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Prizes include a Kindle Touch, portable DVD player, and Leapster Explorer.

Baright Library, Ralston

Ralston celebrated National Library Week at the junior high with the book club for an ice cream social. (Dee Huff doling out the goodies)



YALSA names La Vista Public Library winner of a 2012 YALSA/Dollar General Summer Reading Program Grant

The La Vista Public Library has been named a recipient of one of the Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) 20 Summer Reading Program Grants for the second year in a row! The grants give each winning library \$1,000 to offer inventive summer reading programs to the teens in their community. The grants are funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.



"The teen program is consistently growing. When I started in the middle of the 2009 SRP there were only 79 participants. After reinventing the whole program in 2010, to include READ Bingo Cards to track reading and offering Book Bucks for participating in various programs, we saw participation jump nearly 600% to 474 total teens. Winning the grant in 2011 made our 'You Are Here' SRP hugely successful as we more than doubled 2010's numbers with a total of 1,071 teens. We look forward to even bigger success this summer," said **Lindsey Tomsu**, Teen Coordinator.

After being disappointed with the images of the Collaborative Summer Reading Program's "Own the Night" theme, the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) decided to make their own and voted on "A Supernaturally Spooky Summer." "We liked the alliteration of the title and the many programming prospects we could have fun with in a three-month Halloween-inspired SRP," said Haley Christensen, TAB member. Not only will this grant help fund the core summer programs teens have come to love, such as the 3rd Annual Water Fight Finale and two 10-hour movie-a-thons, it will also help fund many programs that Tomsu would have had to pass over without the additional funds, such as a ghost hunt from Omaha Paranormal Research, a visit from Project Wildlife, a visit with YA author John Kalkowski, and the many supplies needed to accommodate estimates of 50+ teens for the various spooky crafts planned.

Tomsu also said, "I hope I can provide my teens with a summer that makes the awesomeness of 2010 and 2011 pale in comparison. I hope the activities planned will show more and more teens that the library is the place to be. All programs are free of charge and are a great way to hang out with friends



while doing fun stuff and getting rewarded for it in the end with Book Bucks that allow teens to pick their own prizes. My TAB hopes to decimate the participation record we hit last year."

The La Vista Public Library will use the grant to fund the 2012 Teen Summer Reading Program, which runs from June 5th to August 10th. The Teen Kick-Off Party will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 31st. Teens can come to the library to pick up calendars, register, hear about the various activities, and play games and have refreshments. Later that night teens can enjoy the final tournament of the TAB-created Pool Noodle Kendo Club at 6 p.m. Teen activities will be held throughout the summer every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 and 6:00 p.m. The program is open to all teens that just completed 5th grade and up, which is new this year. "In the past, the teen program has been open to those in 6th grade and up. After talking with my TAB and the children's librarian, **Jodi Linhart**, we decided to let those who just finished 5th grade join the teen SRP. "We looked at it from a logical point of view," said Keyahna Wood, TAB member. "In August when they start school again as 6th graders they are going to be considered teens so why not let them join the program three months early?" Another TAB member, Jodie Tolliver, also said, "We hope that by including the 5th graders this summer they will see just how awesome the teen program is, have loads of fun, and stick around for the 2012-2013 school-year programming as well."

Lindsey also got John Kalkowski to agree to come and do an author visit with the teens this summer. He will be here on Tuesday, July 17th at 4 p.m.

Tekamah

The Tekamah Carnegie Library Foundation received \$20,000 to help with its \$1 million improvement project to build a new one-story addition and renovate the existing Carnegie Library, built in 1916. The addition will meet ADA standards, provide handicap accessible restrooms and install an elevator so that all levels are accessible. The grant was made available from the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation. They accept proposals from communities with less than 3000. Information at—

www.nebcommfound.org/fund/kreutzbenett

The Nebraska Center for the Book gave their “Mildred Bennett Award” to Laureen Riedesel, Beatrice Public Library Director. The award recognizes



an individual who has made a significant contribution to the fostering of the literary tradition in Nebraska. Riedesel was honored for her long service to Nebraska’s cultural heritages, especially her work to foster literary development throughout the state. Marvel Maring from UNO and an artist, donated the artwork for the award.

Young Nebraskans Win Writing Competition

Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing promotion program. Nearly 60,000 adolescent and young readers nationwide in grades 4 through 12 participated in this year’s Letters about Literature program—378 of them from Nebraska. The competition encourages young people to read, be inspired, and write back to the author who had an impact on their lives.

This annual contest is sponsored nationally by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores. Young Nebraska writers honored:

Winners

Ethan Vanneman, Lincoln, to Gary Paulsen about *The Legend of Bass Reeves*

Marin Harrington, Omaha, to Kathryn Stockett about *The Help*

Arash Hamidi, Omaha, to Maya Angelou about *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Alternates

Taisha Morris, Omaha, to Faith Ringgold about *My Dream of Martin Luther King*

Tyson Hostert, O’Neill, to Gary Paulsen about *Hatchet* series

Maria Terrazas, Ansley, to Joseph Bruchac about *Code Talker*

The students wrote personal letters to authors explaining how his or her work changed their view of themselves or the world. They selected

authors from any genre, fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic. Winners were chosen from three competition levels: upper elementary, middle, and secondary school. For more information see

<http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/LAL.html>.

Lukesh Book is Finalist in Western Writer of America SPUR Awards

Jean Lukesh’s book, **Wolves in Blue: Stories of the North Brothers and Their Pawnee Scouts** was chosen as a finalist in the 2012 award for Best Juvenile Western Nonfiction. Jean is currently working on three more Nebraska heroes/history books and the first book in a new pre-K-3rd grade series on heroes.



Golden Sower 2011-2012

WINNERS and HONOR BOOKS

Selected by a record-breaking 70,923 readers across the state of Nebraska!



Primary Winner

Dewey: There’s a Cat in the Library! by Vicki Myron & Bret Witter; illustrated by Steve James

Primary Honor Books

I Need My Monster by Amanda Noll; illustrated by Howard McWilliam

Help Me, Mr. Mutt! Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems written by Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel; illustrated by Janet Stevens

Intermediate Winner

Closed for the Season by Mary Downing Hahn

Intermediate Honor Books

Dying to Meet You by Kate Klise; illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas

Young Adult Winner

The Compound by Stephanie A. Bodeen

Young Adult Honor Books

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

The Juvie Three by Gordon Korman

FYI



You may have heard “Night, night, don’t let the bedbugs bite.” Unfortunately, cases of bed bugs are cropping up all over and libraries are no exception. An article in *Library Administrator’s Digest* (March 12) offers these tips and procedures.

1. Train library staff to recognize bed bugs. Libraries need to take a more proactive approach to deal with the epidemic. Bed bugs by nature are reclusive, but they do have tell-tale signs that can be easily identified by a well-trained staff. When inspecting books, library staff should look for live bugs and dark brownish to black spots (fecal stains).
2. Routinely check all returned books, and quarantine contaminated books that are suspected of having bed bugs. Seal the book in a plastic bag and isolate until it is deemed safe. Remember an adult bed bug can live over a year without feeding, so be sure all bugs are dead before placing the book in circulation.
3. Make a plan once bed bugs are found. Industry experts recommend that the bed bug eradication treatments in public establishments should be performed by a pest management professional. The library should be checked periodically for bed bugs and their tell-tale signs by the custodial staff. They also should consider canine inspections which have shown to be up to 97 percent accurate in detecting bugs.
4. Check upholstered furniture regularly, and when feasible, replace with non-fabric furniture. Bed bugs have recently been found nesting in upholstered chairs in libraries in Colorado and Arizona.
5. Heating contaminated items to a temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit for at least an hour is an effective method of killing bed bugs, their larvae, and eggs. Portable heaters manufactured by PackTite are designed specifically for this purpose and are an effective way to quarantine and gently heat books, magazines, clothing and any object suspected. Additionally, a pest control professional can advise on larger heating systems for libraries.
6. Monitor book return areas with active monitors that use heat and CO2. Monitors are inexpensive and will detect bed bugs within days of their arrival, before they multiply and spread.

Every librarian should be aware that at some point bed bugs may rear their ugly heads. Once bed bugs are found, library personnel need to follow the necessary steps to ensure that the source of infestation is eliminated. The website usbedbugs.com offers an assortment of pesticide-free products to detect and treat bed bug infestations in home or business. [“Bed Bugs are the New Bookworms at the Library” from prweb.com]

Being a Leader

John D. “Danny” Hales, Jr., retired director of the Suwannee River Regional Library (FL), a multi-county rural library system, believes to be a leader you must:

- Be Engaged
- Set an Example
- Be Enthused
- Be Enthused

To read Hale’s entire article, go to

<http://olos.ala.org/columns/?p=376>

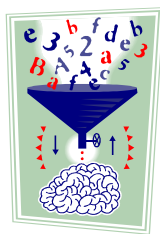
Top Fiction Results from a Library Journal Book Buying 2012 survey. The number may add up to more than 100% because respondents could check more than one subject.

Top Circulators in Fiction Adult Books

Mystery	97%
General Fiction	90%
Romance	73%
Thriller	53%
Women’s Fiction	35%
Science Fiction	28%
Historical Fiction	27%
Young Adults	24%
Literary Fiction	13%

“The part of my education that has had the deepest influence wasn’t any particular essay or even a specific class, it was how I was able to apply everything I learned in the library to certain situations in my life. The library takes me away from my everyday life and allows me to see other places and learn to understand other people unlike myself.”

Gloria Estefan, musician



Information you can use

Because your library has an Annual Public Performance Site License, you are covered for unlimited showings of over 16,000 titles, including **The Hunger Games: Available on DVD Summer 2012!**

Check out <http://www.movlic.com/library/newReleases.asp> for *The Hunger Games* release date information, and other popular new releases available exclusively from Movie Licensing USA.

Awards

PLTS Advocacy Award



The Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association is accepting nominations for the PLTS Advocacy Award. This award recognizes a trustee, user, friend, foundation, or

library board that has provided exceptional support for their local library. The award can be given to an individual or a group. Some of the areas that may warrant nomination include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Advocacy in supporting the library in the community or state
- Significant contribution to a specific program or support of the library
- Contribution to the work of the Nebraska Library Association

It is preferred that the nominee(s) are residents of Nebraska. The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, street address, email address, telephone number, the nominee's accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should also include the name, title, street address, email address, and telephone number of the person or group making the nomination. Also required are at least three additional letters which support and endorse the nomination. The award is presented at the PLTS business meeting at the NLA annual convention. Deadline for nominations is August 1st.

Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian

The Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association is accepting nominations for the Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian. This award honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to his/her local library and to the library profession. The following categories suggest areas in which the nominee may have rendered significant service. Preference will be given to those nominees who have achieved excellence in more than one of these areas:

- Development of outstanding service in field(s) of expertise. For example: reference, children's, technical services, administrative, etc.
- Involvement in statewide library service.
- Record of library leadership in local community, regional area of in the Nebraska Library Association.
- Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library.

The nominee must be a member of the Public Library and Trustee Section of NLA. The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, street address, email address, telephone number, the nominee's accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should also include the name, title, street address, email address and telephone number of the person or group making the nomination. Also required are at least three additional letters which support and endorse the nomination. The award is presented at the PLTS business meeting at the NLA annual convention. The deadline for nominations is August 1st.

Please send nominations for either/both awards and accompanying materials to the PLTS Awards Committee at:

PLTS Awards Committee
Attn: Mike Caldararo
308 West Prospect Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701

What does the ELS Board do in their Spare Time?

Lowen Kruse, ELS Board Member and former State Senator, is also a talented wood carver. He made this totem pole out of a hackberry tree in his yard. Lowen means "lion" so, of course, there is one towards the top of the totem pole. Lowen's wife, Ruth had ancestors who owned vineyards, hence the vine crest. By tradition Lowen is supposed to treat all his friends to a party when it is done....stay tuned!



Marie Reidelbach, whose two terms on the ELS board are up, loves to knit. She doesn't have a lot of time to devote to her hobby but when she does have a few moments, knitting is therapeutic for her. Currently she is knitting a prayer shawl for UNMC hospital.

When **Scott Berryman** isn't being a lawyer and a dad he's busy thinking up ways to get kids in the library. Scott's idea to visit each Omaha Public Library branch with his children caught on and developed into "Omaha-ology" a game where participants go to each branch and receive a sticker to place on their collector's map. After completing their journey through Omaha, participants will submit their entry form to be eligible to win. The program received support from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands and the Junior League of Omaha.

In addition to reading,
Gail Formanck's

avocations are wine tasting and travel. Luckily, she and her husband can combine the two many times since the best wines come from interesting places to which they enjoy traveling. Gail is looking forward to her retirement from OPS to have more time to read, travel, and search out new, interesting wines.



When **Robin Bernstein** isn't working, she enjoys traveling and cross-stitching. In the past four years, she has been on eight cruises to faraway places such as Israel, Italy, Ireland, France, Greece, Egypt, Turkey, and Monaco just to name a few. Another passion is traveling to New York City to attend as many Broadway shows as she can, sometimes going twice a day. Here is a photo of one of Robin's cross-stitching, "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte."



\$27,000 in Internship Grants Awarded to Nebraska Public Libraries

The Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Library Association recently awarded **21st Century Librarian internship grants** totaling \$27,000 to nineteen Nebraska public libraries. These internship grants will support public library interns, who will contribute to the scope and value of the diverse programs and activities in Nebraska's public libraries.

The following Nebraska libraries received internship grant funding in April 2012:

- Arapahoe Public Library
- Bassett, Rock County Public Library
- **Blair Public Library**
- Chadron Public Library
- Clearwater Public Library
- Howells Public Library
- Lincoln City Libraries
- McCook Public Library
- Norfolk Public Library
- North Platte Public Library
- **Omaha Public Library**
- Orleans, CB Preston Memorial Library
- **Papillion, Sump Memorial Library**
- Ponca Carnegie Library
- Randolph, Lied Randolph Public Library
- Rushville Public Library
- Schuyler Public Library
- **Scribner Public Library**
- Tilden, Raymond A. Whitwer Public Library

Resources for Youth Services & School Librarians

YALSA opens registration, grant applications for Teen Read Week™

CHICAGO — The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), launched its Teen Read Week 2012 website at www.ala.org/teenread. Teen Read Week will be celebrated Oct. 14-20, with a theme of **It Came from the Library**, which dares teens to read for the fun of it.

Teen Read Week is a time to celebrate reading for fun and encourage teens to take advantage of reading in all its forms —books and magazines, e-books, audiobooks and more — and become regular library users.

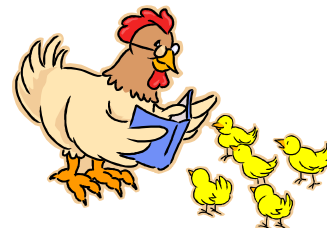
Registration is open at the website and is free. Visitors to the site will find information about Teen Read Week 2012, including:

- Planning Tools: Find activity ideas, toolkits, checklists, and more
- The 2012 Logo: Sign up to download a lo-res version of the **It Came from the Library** logo
- Grants: Apply for the 2012 Teen Read Week grants, which will offer 10 libraries \$1,000 each for TRW plans, funded by Dollar General Literacy Foundation
- Forums: Talk to your colleagues about your Teen Read Week plans
- Showcase: List your events and ideas, add your library to the official Google map and more
- Products: Support the work of ALA and YALSA with official products from ALA Graphics, including a theme-specific Teen Read Week Planning Manual, posters, bookmarks and digital downloads

For more than 50 years, YALSA has been the world leader in selecting books, videos and audiobooks for teens. For more information about YALSA or for lists of recommended reading, viewing and listening, go to www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists, or contact the YALSA office by phone, (800) 545-2433, ext. 4390, or e-mail, yalsa@ala.org. [ALA Press Release, April 17, 2012]

Tell the Story

Invite children to practice their narrative skills with this activity.



- Choose one or more wordless picture books.
- Have children sit in a circle.
- Hand one child the wordless picture book and ask her to tell the group what is happening on the first page.
- Instruct the first narrator to then pass the picture book to the next child, who will continue telling the story as he interprets it from the illustration on the next page.
- The book should continue being passed around the circle until the entire story is told.
- If time permits, ask the children to repeat the exercise with a new book.

[*LibrarySparks*, March 2012]

Courtney Pentland, school librarian at Omaha Burke High School, wrote an article for the May/June issue of *Library Media Connection* entitled, "I can't do my job without them: Why support staff are essential to my library program." Courtney wrote on the importance of paraprofessionals and said, "To be a true teacher, instructional partner, information specialist, and program administrator, I need help with day to day operations." She also encouraged those who are lucky enough to have a paraprofessional to sing their praises and let the administration know how important they are to the library. -*Great article, Courtney-*

The next **CLICK Meeting** is August 3rd, 9:30 am at the Gretna Public Library (note change of date.) We will be reviewing your Summer Reading Programs—so make notes of what was wonderful and what you may not try again.

Let Jean Slowinski know if you are coming.

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Eastern Library System Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2012
ELS Office

Present: Robin Bernstein, Marie Reidelbach, John Seyfarth, Lupe Mier, Gail Formanack, Tammy Lorenz, David Privett, Joyce Neujahr, Rosa Schmidt, Scott Berryman, Lowen Kruse, Jan Therien, Kathy Tooker, Nancy Meyer.
Guest: Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission

Robin called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. The board introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their library/community.

Rod Wagner, director of the Nebraska Library Commission, reported on NLC projects: open houses for the broadband project; state aid letters have been sent out; request to the legislature to restore funds was not approved; allocation to systems will remain the same as last year.

Lowen moved and Marie seconded to approve the February 10, 2012, board minutes. Motion carried.

Lowen moved and David seconded to approved the February and March 2012 treasurer's reports to be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Kathy read an email requesting her participation in developing a library for the Tri-faith initiative.

Director's report: See written report. Kathy highlighted past events and meetings, new librarians, and upcoming events.

Committee Reports:

Nominating: Tammy reported that there are four vacancies on the board. Gail and David are eligible for re-election and have agreed to run. Two nominations to replace Robin and Marie were received – Francine Canfield, director of the Baright Public Library, Ralston and Marcia Jusell, Barnes and Noble.

Fundraising: Marie reported on existing projects.

Technology: John reported that there will be a workshop in July on organizing files and Facebook.

Continuing Education: Joyce reports on the attendance at previous events and the Annual Meeting including the speaker, Jeff Barnes.

Advocacy: Lowen encouraged all to be involved in the pursuit of the good use of tax dollars.

Old Business: The garage sale will be April 28th from 8am – 4 pm. It will be advertised in the Omaha World Herald and Craigslist.

New Business: Selection of Board Members. John moved and Jan seconded to accept the nominations of Francine and Marcia and the re-election of Gail and David. Motion carried.

The board thanked John for his gift of a Laser Jet printer to the ELS office.
The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

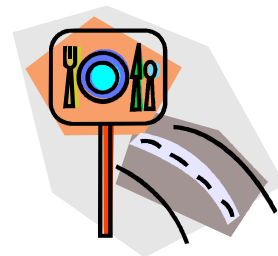
Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Meyer, ELS Administrative Assistant

2012-2013 ELS Board Meetings

We are looking for great places to have our board meetings. All we need is a room for 12-15 people, some coffee and tea and, hopefully, some goodies too. Let us know if you would like a visit. All meetings being at 9:30 am.

August 10th -
October 12th
December 14th

2013
February 8th
April 12th



Parking Lot Sale

The second "annual" 🤔 ELS sale was very successful because of the generous donations of items, monetary gifts and the help of some wonderful people. To say we couldn't have done it without you is an understatement.



← Here (l-r) is John, Nancy, Steve (Nancy's husband), Sam, Joyce and Marie setting up on a chilly Saturday morning.

The sun came out and Kathy and John donned their stylish hats. ↓



We were very fortunate to have a nice day to hold it outside, otherwise we would have been very cramped indoors.



There were so many interesting items...something for everyone and shopping was brisk.



Eastern Library System

Annual Meeting - June 8, 2012

La Vista Public Library, 9110 Giles Road

8am-9—Exhibits, Registration, Refreshments

Welcome

9:05—10:30—Jeff Barnes, back by popular demand, speaking on his new book, **The Great Plains Guide to Custer**, featuring “The Royal Buffalo Hunt of 1872,” which happened in Nebraska.

He is a speaker with the Nebraska Humanities Council (The Humanities Council provides funding for this program and receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and private donations)



10:30-11:00—Break and Book Signing

11:00-12:00 (choose one session)

— **Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors**

Meredith McGowan, Lincoln City Libraries

— **Genealogy: Finding Your Roots**

Martha Grenzeback, Omaha Pubic Library

12:00-12:45pm—Lunch

12:45-1:00—Door Prizes

1:00—2:30—Talk Tables

2:30—3:00—ELS Business Meeting

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Storm Chasers

- **Getting Teens in the Library** - Gayle Roberts, Blair Public Library
- **Trustees' Time to Ask Questions** - Robin Clark, Sump Library, Papillion & Lupe Mier, Bellevue Public Library
- **Here to Stay: eBooks and eReaders** - Heather St. Clair, Ashland Public Library

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